

**RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2002  
6:00 P.M.**

The Rushville City Common Council met on the above date and time at 270 West 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Bridges called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with Bill Goins, John Byrne, Brian Sheehan, Mike Pavey and Darrin McGowan answering roll call. Also present were City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse and Jan Voiles, *Rushville Republican*.

**MINUTES\*\*\***

Minutes of the May 8, 2002 meeting were presented for approval. Byrne made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORT\*\***

Mayor Bridges reported the following:

- Reported that Bill Todd is requesting the council to specify an enforcement action on the placement of vending machines within residential areas. This would be added to the BZA zoning regulations.
- Mayor received notification from Bill Todd that Robin Warner has submitted his plat and will be on the APC agenda on May 28<sup>th</sup>. He is requesting to subdivide his property into two separate lots. He will then request a special exemption for the quonset hut to be in a commercial zone or rezone the commercial to residential.
- The Heart of Rushville is asking the Council for their blessings to investigate the possibility of starting "Farmer's Market" on one of the city parking lots, one day a week. They feel this would help bring business to downtown.
- Reported City of Rushville has been selected as one of the host for the 2002 World Basketball Championship Dribble and Dream tour. The tour will be in Rushville on the afternoon of July 19<sup>th</sup>. More details will be forthcoming.
- Reported he had talked with an investigator with INDOT about the "Jake Brakes" signage. This is a controversy and there are checking with the state's legal department as to whether other language would be acceptable for a community to pass an ordinance.
- Received letter from Marvin Rees, County Surveyor concerning the yearly maintenance cost of the Flatrock River. Wanting to ask the council if they were still in agreement to allocate \$5,000.00 yearly towards the maintenance in lieu of assessing each property owner, if so Mayor will send letter stating so.

**CLERK TREASURER'S REPORT\*\*\***

None.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS\*\*\***

**Police** - Assistant Police Chief Mathews reported that the reserve units car has been delivered and should be on the road by June 21, 2002. Mathews also reported that his department had

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tagged 58 vehicles enforcing the abandoned vehicle ordinance. He noted that the ordinance needed to be updated to be in accordance with state laws. The current ordinance states the ages of vehicles at five years; needs to be changed to three years. Also changing the waiting period from 30 days to 20 days.

Mathews also reported to the council that Rushville Police Department will be conducting Operation Pullover "Click it or Ticket" from May 21, 2002 and ending May 31, 2002. There will be various locations throughout the city.

Mathews reported that the police department will need to update their current computer system. They have a Unix-based system and needs to be updated to a Windows-based system. The charges would be around \$40,000.00 but thinks the city's share would \$15,000.00. Other police agencies utilizing the city police departments resources will be charged to help keep the city's cost down.

**Fire** - Assistant Chief Allen Shelton reported that the fire department had been testing hose lines this past week. Several hoses are in need of repair. Some sections can be cut down and recoupled. Some hose will need to be purchased in the future.

**Street** - Street Commissioner Bennett reported he had received the salt contacts. Bennett also reported on the trash pick up. His department has issued 42 red tags to residents who are in violation of the heavy trash ordinance. He would like to get the ordinance to state that there will be a \$50.00 fee plus a \$25.00 penalty for the first violation and \$50.00 for each subsequent violation. City Attorney Newhouse stated that effective July 1, 2002 the state will be implementing a state law governing trash pick-up.

**Parks** - Parks Director Danny Mathews reported on the swimming pool. Mathews met with representatives from Bonar and R.L. Turner this past Friday along with city officials to discuss the problems of the cracks in the pool. Mathews is hopeful that Bonar will incur the cost of repairing the cracks. The process of repairing the cracks will take 2 days with 16 hours cure time. Mathews hopes the pool will be open June 1<sup>st</sup>. Mathews also reported Virgil Johnson had contacted him about a Gospel Sing in Veteran's Memorial Park on the tennis courts on June 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Mathews also reported that the fitness trail is in need of repairs and re-surfacing. Parts of the trail need to be patched and resurfaced. Then the trail should be sealed every two to three years. Mathews stated that the trail re-surfacing could be postponed until the cost of the pool is known.

**Animal Shelter** - None

### **CITIZEN'S CONCERNS\*\*\***

Robin Warner was present to ask the council what the status was on the property at 2<sup>nd</sup> and Oliver streets. He said it had been two months and nothing has been done. City Attorney Tracy Newhouse advised Mr. Warner that he needed to file a petition to vacate the alley. Also Newhouse is waiting on the title search.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS\*\*\***

None.

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**NEW BUSINESS\*\*\***

Intat Statement of Benefits will be tabled until next meeting

Next on agenda was discussion of the old copier at City Hall. Mayor Bridges wanted the council's opinion on whether to sell the copier. After discussion Sheehan made a motion to get an appraisal on it and legally advertise it. Pavey seconded. Motion carried.

Next was the changes on the Abandoned Vehicle Ordinance. Assistant Police Chief Mathews informed the council that the city's current abandoned vehicle ordinance needed to be re-written in line the state statute. Goins made a motion to authorize Mathews to revise the abandoned vehicle ordinance. Sheehan seconded. Motion carried.

**Claims Approval** – Sheehan made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Byrne seconded. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Byrne made a motion to adjourn. Sheehan seconded. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

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ROBERT M. BRIDGES, MAYOR

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DARRIN L. McGOWAN, MEMBER

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BRIAN J. SHEEHAN, MEMBER

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JOHN M. BYRNE, MEMBER

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MICHAEL P. PAVEY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

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MARCIA E. FISH, DEPUTY CLERK